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**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL** 7006 2760 0004 4704 1989

July 28, 2010

Ms. Val Blumenfeld  
Brown Inc.  
720 W US Hwy 20  
Michigan City, IN 46360

Re: **Inspection Summary/Violation Letter**  
Yard 520 Landfill  
Permit # 64-04/64-07  
Town of Pines, Porter County

Dear Ms. Blumenfeld:

On July 27, 2010, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Northwest Regional Office, conducted an inspection of Yard 520 Landfill, located at US Hwy 20 and St. Rd 520 in the Town of Pines, Indiana. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

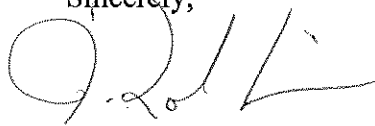
Type of Inspection:	<input type="checkbox"/> Routine
	<input type="checkbox"/> Complaint
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Follow-up
Results of Inspection:	<input type="checkbox"/> No violations were observed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Violations were observed but corrected during the inspection (See inspection report)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violations were observed (See inspection report)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional information/review is required to evaluate overall compliance
	<input type="checkbox"/> Violations were observed and will be referred to the Land Enforcement Section
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Ms. Blumenfeld

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Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, compliance must be achieved with the requirements listed in the inspection report. Noncompliance with any of the violations listed, noted at the time of the next inspection may, result in a referral to IDEM's Land Enforcement Section. Please direct any questions to Ms. Ashley Snyder at 219-757-0276. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Robert Simmons', with a large circular flourish on the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

J. Robert Simmons  
Deputy Director  
Northwest Regional office

Enclosure

cc: Tim Drexler US EPA Region 5  
Brenda Waters Indiana Dunes National Parks Service  
Charles Morris Indiana Dunes National Parks Service  
Porter County Health Department  
Porter County Solid Waste Management District



# AGRICULTURAL AND SOLID WASTE COMPLIANCE

State Form 47272 (R3/12-08)  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

File:	County: Porter	Type of Report: <input type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Follow-Up <input type="checkbox"/> Spill		
Name of Inspector: Ashley Snyder	Date of Inspection: 7/27/2010	Time In: 9:30 AM	Time Out: 10:15 AM	
Name of Facility: Yard 520 RWS II/III Landfill	Permit: 64-04/64-07			
Address/Location (number and street, city, state, and zip): US- HWY 20 and St RD 520 Town of Pines, Indiana				
Facility located by GPS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Photographs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Samples <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Maps <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Pollution prevention opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Comments: This inspection was conducted as a follow-up to assess the repairs made to the landfill in response to the violations cited in the 12/10/2009 inspection report. On June 30, 2010 this inspector received a copy of the work completion report from the permittee's consultant Weaver Boos. This report addressed the seepage outbreak on the West slope of the North Fill, the areas of depression on both the North and South fill, and the inadequate access control, based on the presence of the ATV tracks on the North and South fill. In order to observe the repairs made this inspector met with Ms. Val Blumenfeld the authorized representative for Brown Inc. at the landfill. Access was granted through the North gate where "No Trespassing" signage was noted. The areas of repair were observed and the following observations were noted:

The seepage outbreak area on the West slope of the North fill was completely re-graded and the slope was re-contoured. The area was packed with clay and seeded. Per the completion repair report 730 cubic yards of clayey soil has been placed in this area. There is currently a mesh blanket over the seeded area as the vegetation has not completely sprouted yet. The storm water ditch line that runs parallel to Birch Street was also cleaned out and a new drainage tile was inserted to aid in moving storm water away from the landfill. This area looked to be in compliance and no leachate/ seepage was observed while on site today however in the last 48 hours the weather has been dry and warm.

The areas of depression due to the ATV activity have been addressed by filling with topsoil and reseeding. The area on the East side of the South fill was observed to not be in compliance as the topsoil was observed to have been washed out and the vegetation did not sprout in this area. This area needs to be refilled with a more clayey soil in order for it to stabilize itself in place. It will also then need to be reseeded. The other tracks seen on the 12-10-2009 inspection are not noticeable now and vegetation has sprouted over the landfill without any other noticeable bare spots.

Access Control has been addressed by building a permanent berm along the North side of the Birch Street gate. A pile of riprap has also been placed cutting off this access point. "No Trespassing" signage has been reposted on this gate as well. The Brown Ditch is located to the South and East of the landfill keeping out trespassers. The ditch line was walked to ensure that there are not any access points and none were observed. No ATV tracks were observed on the landfill during today's inspection. The measures taken to control access appear to be sufficient at this time.

At this time the landfill is still in violation of 329 IAC 10-31-2(a) (4) Maintenance of the final contours of the facility in accordance with the applicable standards of 329 IAC 10-28 and 329 10-30 and at a minimum to provide that no ponding of water occurs on the

VFC Information

Program: Confined Feeding, SW Landfill, SW Processing

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fill. This violation is still cited due to the two depressions on the East side of the South fill having the top soil wash out and no vegetation growing in this area. Ms. Blumenfeld stated that she would see about using clay instead of topsoil and then using a mesh blanket to hold seed in. This inspector indicated that that would be a good plan as the clay may stabilize itself in place better than the top soil. This repair needs to be made within 30 days of receipt of this notice and the work details need to be submitted to this inspector.

Signature of person receiving oral/written report (Inspection conducted in accordance with IC 13-14-5) To be mailed with violation letter	Date (month, day, year) 7/27/2010
Certificate of Compliance left with operator (Check only if violations are noted above). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



**Facility Name**

Yard 520 Landfill

**Photographer**

Ashley Snyder

**Date/Time**

7/27/2010 9:30 AM

**Others Present**

Val Blumenfeld-Authorized Representative

**Description**

East slope of South fill where the repairs to the depressions made by ATV's had failed and the non-vegetated depressions remain. The area has been roped off using cones and straw bales.



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The Birch Street gate showing the newly constructed berm and rip rap pile to control access.



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**Description**

The stormwater ditch running parallel to Birch Street showing new gravel and a tile outlet.



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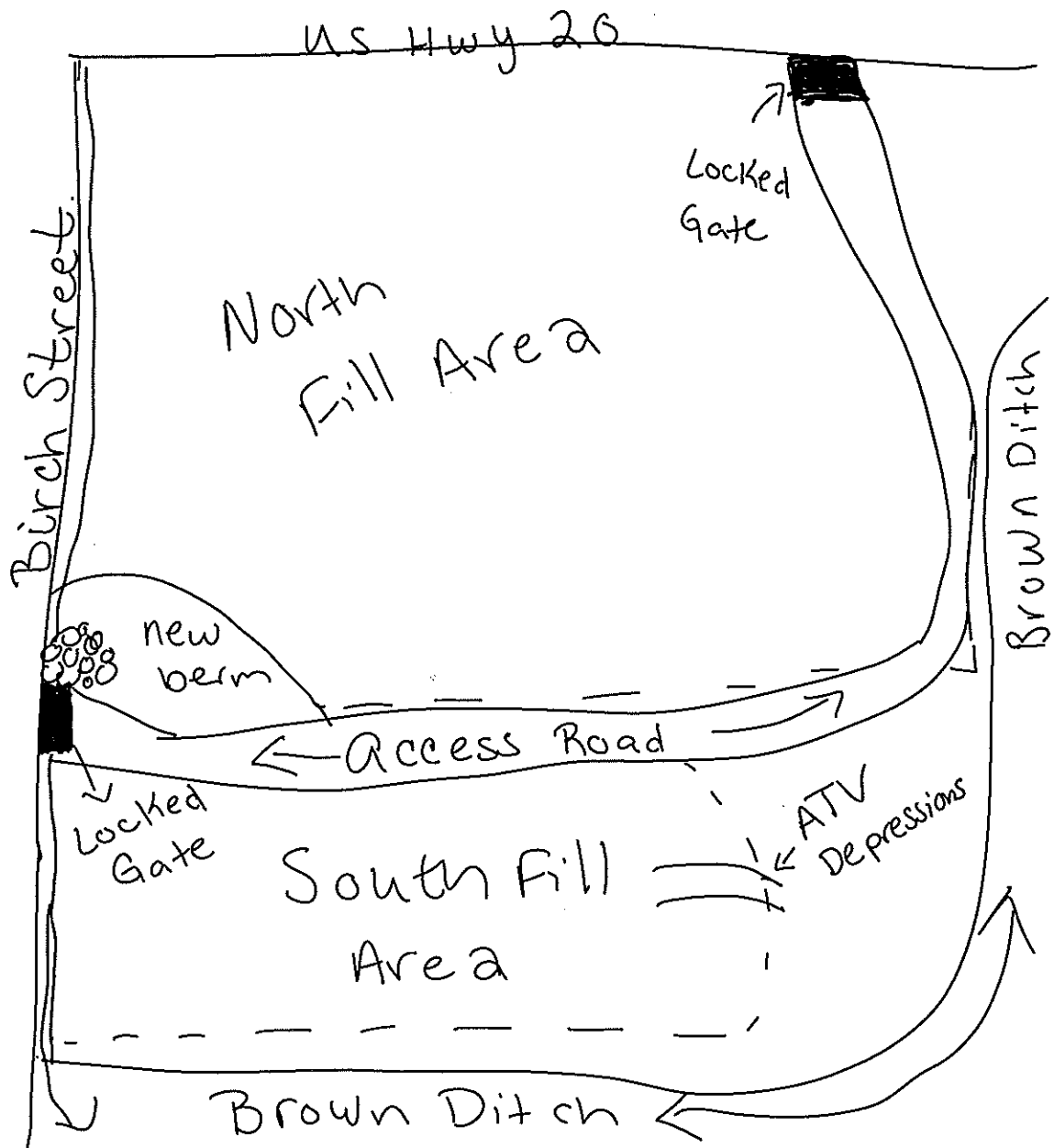
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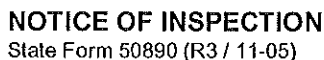
**Description**

The West slope of the North fill showing the areas that have been re-contoured and capped with clay. Vegetation is starting to sprout up here.









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